

# Missouri Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) 2005 Scoring Worksheet

**Applicant(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Farm Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tract Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Acres in Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LRF:** Yes No **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this scoring worksheet for each concern below. The offered acres must have a Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guide (WHAG) Community Model completed to complete this worksheet.**

**Contact your local NRCS field office for assistance in completing a WHAG and a WHDP.**

WHAG = Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guide

WHDP = Wildlife Habitat Development Plan

**Points  
Possible**

**Points  
Awarded**

## Natural Community Improvement: 75 point maximum

- (1) Planned WHAG Community Model index is a minimum quality criteria of 0.5 as planned in the WHDP. Calculate the score as follows (for multiple fields, calculate an average per acre for (A) and (B) below):

(A) Priority Habitat Type in Natural Division			(B) Other Habitat Type		
WHAG Index	Points		WHAG Index	Points	
>90	50		>90	20	
.80 to .89	40		.80 to .89	15	
.70 to .79	30		.70 to .79	10	
.60 to .69	20		.60 to .69	5	
.50 to .59	10		.50 to .59	1	

To calculate points, use the following formula:

$$\frac{((A) \text{ WHAG Index} \times (A) \text{ Acres}) + ((B) \text{ WHAG Index} \times (B) \text{ Acres})}{\text{Total WHAG Acres}}$$

50

A

- (2) Practices planned address basic habitat requirements of bobwhite quail on the offered acres.

**OR**

Priority habitat type is grassland and occurs in a Grassland Coalition Focus Area

25

15

B

**Total Natural Community Improvement Points (A + B) =**

75

C

## Federal Threatened and Endangered or State Rare Species Habitat: 20 point maximum

- (3) Planned acres are within the buffer area of a federally listed threatened or endangered species and will impact the recovery or protection of the species

**OR**

Planned acres are within the buffer area of a state listed threatened or endangered species or a state rare species and will impact the recovery or protection of the species

**OR**

Planned acres are adjacent to the buffer area of a known site of a federal or state threatened or endangered species or state rare species and will likely provide habitat for the species

20

15

10

D

**Total Federal Threatened and Endangered or State Rare Species Habitat Points (D) =**

20

E

## Restoration of Priority Habitats: 20 point maximum

- (4) Planned practices include the establishment, management, restoration, or habitat manipulation of a native plant community of four or more plant species on a minimum of 51% of the offered acres

**OR**

Planned practices include the establishment, management, restoration, or habitat manipulation of a native plant species mix of three species on a minimum of 51% of the offered acres

**OR**

Planned practices include the establishment, management, restoration, or habitat manipulation of wildlife friendly plant mixes on a minimum of 51% of the offered acres

**OR**

Planned practices include the establishment, management, restoration, or habitat manipulation of a single native plant species on a minimum of 51% of the offered acres

20

10

7

4

F

**Total Restoration of Priority Habitats Points (F) =**

20

G

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<b>Applicant(s):</b>	<b>Tract Number:</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
<b>Operation and Maintenance: 20 point maximum</b>			
(5) Planned practices require periodic maintenance or management on a minimum of 51% of the offered acres		20	H
OR			
Planned practices require annual (or more frequent) maintenance or management on a minimum of 51% of the offered acres		10	
<b>Total Restoration of Priority Habitats Points (H) =</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>I</b>
<b>Cost Effectiveness of Planned Conservation Practices: 10 point maximum</b>			
(6) Cost Effectiveness = Total WHIP dollars/Acres in application			
Total WHIP Dollars requested =			
Acres in application =			
<b>Cost per Acre =</b>			
(7) Cost per acre is \$75 or less		10	J
OR			
Cost per acre is between \$75 and \$150		5	
<b>Total Cost Effectiveness Points (J) =</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>Societal Benefits: 5 point maximum</b>			
(8) Planned practices on offered acres will provide reasonable access for recreation and/or education		5	L
<b>Total Societal Benefits Points (L) =</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Total Points (Score) this Application (C+ E + G + I + K + M) =</b>		<b>150</b>	

I am submitting this Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) application to NRCS for consideration. I understand that any practices started prior to an application being selected for funding and approved as a contract are not eligible for WHIP funding.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of NRCS Technical Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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